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U.S. Reportedly Enters Probe Of Anti-Castroite 'Terrorists'

MEXICO CITY, July 15 (UPI) - The U.S. Department of State has begun an investigation into the Miami-based "psychological terrorist" plot of an anti-Castro Cuban group, said the leftist newspaper "El Dia."

"El Dia" was the target of one of the group's attacks. A Cuban-American laundry worker from Miami, Henry Agueros Garces, admitted throwing a hand grenade at the paper's offices last Thursday.

Agueros was arrested at the scene and three Mexicans were rounded up and accused of being in a conspiracy with him. Agueros said he had been sent to bomb the newspaper office by the "Christian Nationalist Movement" in Miami. A spokesman for the movement in Miami said it had directed the attack.

Washington Report

"El Dia," in a report by its Washington correspondent, said State Department spokesman Robert McCloskey had assured the newspaper it was "maintaining the closest contact with the Mexican Authorities" in connection with the bombing, and that "if there has been a violation of any U.S. law, we will see what must be done to press charges against the guilty."

A spokesman for the FBI said that if Agueros really did carry the grenade used in the explosion and another one found in his hotel room, in his suitcase on a flight from Miami to San

Antonio, he could be prosecuted for breaking the federal law against transporting explosives on airliners. Mexican police say Agueros told them he had the grenades in his suitcase on the flight.

"We have no desire to have organizations of this type operating within our borders," McCloskey was quoted as saying.

Agueros and the three Mexicans were turned over to the custody of the federal attorney general by Mexico City authorities, on the basis that the charges against them are federal offenses. They were accused of carrying and using an illegal weapon (the grenade), property destruction, criminal association (equivalent to U.S. conspiracy charges), and "social dissolution."

The last charge is a World War II measure originally meant for Axis sympathizers which forbids acts of violence or encouraging violence aimed at the nation. In recent years it has been used mostly against communist agitators.

Evidence Claimed

Authorities have also said they have evidence connecting Agueros with the dynamite and hand grenade attack that damaged the front of the Mexican-Russian Friendship Institute here in May. The Christian Nationalist Movement in Miami also claimed credit for that explosion.

Agueros admitted being a member of one of the movement's five-man "commando" cells, police said, and taking orders from a leader known as "Allo." Authorities said they planned to set off explosions at leftist buildings in many Latin American countries.

Agueros said these were meant only for "psychological effect," and they did not intend to hurt anyone. The grenade thrown at "El Dia" rolled under an editor's car and damaged it heavily, but no one was hurt. The paper was just going to press at the time.

The attack has brought stricter vigilance of Cuban exile activities here by Mexican